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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 4413

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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: INTERMEDIARIES

REF: STATE 123331, 122435 AND KINSHASA 4378

1. RE POSSIBLE NEGOTIATING INTERMEDIARIES, OUR DISCREET DISCUSSIONS
HERE TURN UP TWO INTERESTING POSSIBILITIES BUT BOTH INDIVIDUALS HAVE
DISADVANTAGE THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY IN ZAIRE AND WE
WOULD ANTICIPATE AT LEAST SOME RESISTANCE ON PART OF GOZ TO
SUCH PERSONS.

2. FIRST IS BISHOP OF UVIRA, MONSGNR. DANILO CATARZI, ITALIAN-BORN,
HE HAS BEEN BISHOP SINCE 1962 AND IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED
TO BE "BEST INFORMED MAN IN SOUTHERN KIVU" AND IS DESCRIBED
AS "OPEN, ENERGETIC, AND UNEERSTANDING." IF HE WOULD NOT
HIMSELF UNDERTAKE TASK, HE WOULD BE PRIME SOURCE AS TO
WHO MIGHT BETTER DO JOB. SECOND, NICOLAS NSENGIYUMVA,
OF RWANDAN ORIGIN, PRESENTLY WITH SOME CO TOURIST AGENCY
IN BUKAVU. HE HAS RIGHT LINGUISTIC ABILITIES AND IS
DESCRIBED AS "INTELLIGENT, SELF-RELIANT, PRO-AMERICAN,
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AND WITH NECESSARY COOL-HEADEDNESS TO HANDLE HIMSELF WELL IN

TENSE SITUATION."

3. MACFARLANE KNOWS NSENGIYUMVA FROM HIS EARLIER BUKAVU DAYS AND DAR MIGHT ASK HIS JUDGMENT. MACFARLANE ALSO MAY HAVE JUDGMENT CONCERNING BISHOP CATARZI.

4. IF EITHER OF THESE POSSIBILITIES COMMEND THEMSELVES TO DEPT, I WOULD SUGGEST MACFARLANE MIGHT COME TO KIVU TO TALK WITH THEM, PERHAPS SHIFTING HIS BASE TO BUJUMBURA WHERE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ARE FAR SUPERIOR. IN THIS EVENT I WOULD LIKE PRIOR OPPORTUNITY TO ADVISE GOZ OF MACFARLANE'S INTENTIONS VISIT UVIRA AND BUKAVU IN ENDEAVOR AVOID ANY OBJECTION.

5. INCIDENTALLY, WE HAVE FIRM INFORMATION THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU, WHO HAS BEEN OUT OF KINSHASA SINCE LAST WEEKEND, IS TODAY IN LISALA AND WE HAVE HINT THAT PRESIDENT MAY HAVE PLANS VISIT KALEMIE. THERE COULD BE MANY REASONS FOR THIS BUT WE WONDER IF THERE IS ANY INDICATION OF TRAVEL PLANS IN SAME DIRECTION ON PART PRESIDENT NYERERE OR HIS SENIOR PEOPLE.

6. CONSUL LOVING BUKAVU, REPORTS THAT MISSIONARIES IN BARAKA SAY MILITARY ARE MORE IN EVIDENCE THAN USUAL AND THAT CURFEW IS IN EFFECT THERE. WHEN I SEE FOREIGN MINISTER BULA TO MAKE PITCH FOR RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT I'LL REMIND HIM OF OUR REQUEST GOZ EXERCISE RESTRAINT ON ALL ACTIVITIES IN LAKE AREA. INCIDENTALLY, IF ANNOUNCEMENT CARRIED, IT WILL BE FIRST WORD FROM ZAIRE ABOUT KIDNAPPING WHICH SO FAR HAS HERE BEEN HANDLED PUBLICLY AS "NON-EVENT."

7. FINALLY, DUTCH AMBASSADOR READ ME VAN DEN BERG CABLE FROM DAR WHICH CLEARLY INDICATED GOT PREPARED RELEASE SOME PRP PRISONERS PROVIDED GOZ REQUEST THAT. VAN DEN BERG EXPRESSED VIEW BEST WE COULD HOPE FOR WAS GOZ ACQUIESCENCE IN SUCH GOT ACTION. I TOLD VERKADE WE WERE EXCHANGING THOUGHTS WITH DEPT ON HOW TO PLAY PRP PRISONER CARD. OUR MORE CONSIDERED COMMENTS WILL FOLLOW.

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